

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT
on Proposed Amendments to the
Citizen Participation Plan

The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, State of Hawaii, prepares the Consolidated Plan, a housing strategy that enables the State to receive funding under certain U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs. The Consolidated Plan ensures that funding received under the HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Shelter Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS programs are used for the housing and related needs of low- and moderate-income families in a way that improves the availability and affordability of decent, safe, and sanitary housing in suitable living environments.

The HHFDC encourages public input in developing the Consolidated Plan. The policies and procedures for citizen participation are set forth in the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP).

Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91, HHFDC gives notice that proposed amendments to the CPP are available for review and comment. Proposed amendments include:

- 1) adding new actions that are considered to be substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan as: a) a decision to carry out an activity not previously described in the action plan; and b) changes to the purpose, scope, location or beneficiaries of an activity;
- 2) clarifying that a re-distribution of funds from one approved activity to another does not constitute a substantial amendment, provided that: a) the re-distribution of funds does not exceed 25% of the State's annual grant amount received from HUD; and b) the reason for the re-distribution of funds is to avoid the lapsing of such funds;
- 3) requiring a 30-day comment period for public comment on substantial amendments to the CPP, and adding a sample Notice of public comment as an exhibit to the CPP;
- 4) increasing the time required from five days to seven business days for persons with special needs to request reasonable accommodations for participation in public hearings or review of consolidated plan documents; and
- 5) other non-substantive, stylistic or housekeeping amendments.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the CPP are available for public viewing at regional libraries; on the HHFDC's website at <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/hhfdc>; and at the following agencies between the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and furlough days:

- HHFDC; 677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, Oahu;
- Department of Human Services, Benefits Employment and Support Services Division, 820 Mililani Street, Suite 606, Honolulu, Oahu;
- Office of Housing & Community Development, 50 Wailuku Drive, Hilo, Hawaii;
- Department of Housing & Human Concerns, 35 Lunalilo Street, Suite 102, Wailuku, Maui;
- Kauai County Housing Agency, 4444 Rice Street, Suite 330, Lihue, Kauai.

Interested persons may call Medy Esmena at 587-0634; Neighbor Island residents may call toll free at the numbers listed below to be mailed copies:

From Kauai: 274-3141, ext. 70634
From Maui: 984-2400, ext. 70634

From Hawaii: 974-4000, ext. 70634
From Molokai/Lanai: 1-800-468-4644, ext. 70634

Interested persons are invited to state their views on the proposed amendments to the CPP in writing no later than December 1, 2010 to HHFDC at the aforementioned address. Written comments may be submitted via fax to (808) 587-0600 by 4:30 p.m. on December 1, 2010. All comments received will be considered in preparing the final State CPP.

If access or communication assistance and/or services (e.g., large print, taped materials, sign language interpreter, or translator) are required, please contact HHFDC's Departmental Personnel Office at 586-2562, by written request, or by email to ltengan@dbedt.hawaii.gov by November 8, 2010. Prompt requests help to ensure the availability of appropriate accommodations. Persons on the neighbor islands may call the following toll free numbers:

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